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Deer Creek Conference Emphasizes Cooperation

A case study of the I-270 shooter investigation, recognition of officers and agents who have conducted effective cooperative investigations, and the latest anti-terrorism information highlight this year's Southern Ohio Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee conference on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at Deer Creek State Park lodge near Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

"This has certainly been a dynamic year for local, state and federal law enforcement in Ohio," said United States Attorney **Gregory G. Lockhart**. "This conference gives law enforcement leaders from across Southern Ohio the opportunity to ask questions and share information about issues we face daily."

Franklin County Chief Deputy Sheriff **Steve Martin**, Major **Bob Booker** of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and FBI Special Agent **Harry Trombitas** will outline the issues they faced in coordinating the dozens of agencies and hundreds of people involved in the "I-270 shooter" case.

U.S. Attorney Lockhart will also present Southern Ohio "Challenge Coins" to agents and officers who have cooperated in the successful investigation of federal cases.

Assistant U.S. Attorney **David M. DeVillers** will be the luncheon speaker to talk about his recent Department of Justice assignment in Iraq.

Morning sessions will address issues raised by the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, including recognition of phony immigration documents, identification and security of potential terrorist targets in Southern Ohio, and precautions surrounding the fall elections.

The conference is open to all command-level members of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the Southern District of Ohio.

Registration information, an agenda and directions to Deer Creek are included inside this newsletter. You can also contact Fred Alverson at the U.S. Attorney's Office (614) 469-5715.



Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. DeVillers will be speaking about his experiences on a recent DOJ assignment in Iraq at Deer Creek.



Members of Southern Ohio's Project Safe Neighborhoods team traveled to Kansas City for the annual PSN conference last month. Pictured in the front row, left to right, **Deborah Armanini**, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office; U.S. Attorney **Gregory Lockhart**; U.S. Attorney General **John Ashcroft**; **Michael Hughes**, Assistant Prosecutor, Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, **Dr. James Frank**, University of Cincinnati. Second row: **Harry Frisby**, Cincinnati Public Schools; **Terry Sullivan**, ATF; Detective **Timothy Bilinski**, Dayton Police Department; **Chris Sadowski**, ATF.

Cybercrime classes available for Southern District agencies

Agencies with an interest in computer crime investigations can sign up for courses being offered in Columbus, Ohio, through www.cybercrime.org. The following courses are free, but are limited to a first-come first-served basis. To sign up for the courses and receive additional information on what is being offered, download the registration forms on http://www.cybercrime.org/reg_forms.html.

Basic Data Recovery and Analysis (BRDA) September 20th-24th

This class will introduce participants to the unique skills and methodologies necessary to assist in the investigation and prosecution of computer crime. This 4 1/2 day course includes hands-on instruction and discussion about such topics as evidence identification and extraction, hardware and software needed to do a seizure, how to recover erased files, high-tech legal issues, and more. If you are a criminal investigator, prosecutor, or support staff whose duties include the investigation and prosecution of high-technology crimes and the seizure of electronic evidence, this course could be of benefit to you. Please note that before you attend the course, you must complete some online instruction. See www.cybercrime.org and click on Course Descriptions for more details.

Advanced Data Recovery and Analysis- Automated Forensic Tools (ADRA-AFT) November 15th-18th

This 4 day course is designed as an introduction to Automated Processing applications. Students will utilize Access Data's FTK, Guidance Software's Encase, and Ilook to process structured scenarios. This is a basic class dealing with common issues found in processing computer-based evidence. Students will be introduced to each application through an instructor-lead, hands-on scenario. The student will then process a total of three separate scenarios individually, with instructor assistance as needed. A prerequisite of attendance at a BDRA (above) or equivalent course is required. See www.cybercrime.org and click on Course Descriptions for more details.

HIDTA Deputy Director sought

The Ohio HIDTA is accepting applications through August 30, 2004 for the position of Deputy Director for the seven HIDTA-designated counties in the Southern District of Ohio. A copy of the position description and instructions on how to apply are available by contacting Fred Alverson in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Columbus at 614 469-5715 or fred.alverson@usdoj.gov.

Justice Department selects Columbus for Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Columbus, Ohio was recently named one of 15 cities that will participate in United States Attorney General John Ashcroft's initiation of the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) in Columbus.

This six month program will focus on the reduction of violent crime through collaboration from several local, state, and federal agencies in Columbus. VCIT will be coordinated with current Project Safe Neighborhoods efforts which have helped increase the rate of federal firearms prosecutions and thereby reduce the level of violent offenders on the streets.

"In Columbus and across the nation the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is serving as the lead investigative agency in this initiative and is once again working with their federal and local partners to reduce gun violence in the community," said Gregory Lockhart, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio.

The Columbus Division of Police under the leadership of James Jackson, Chief of Police and the Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien are leading this initiative for local agencies in the area.

Other agencies that will contribute manpower and expertise to the VCIT are the Franklin County Sheriff Jim Karnes Office, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation in Attorney General Jim Petro's Office, and the Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

For more information on the nationwide VCIT initiative, go to the Department of Justice link below http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2004/June/04_ag_438.htm

Federal Narcotics Prosecutions Handbook receives update

As a result of the efforts of several attorneys, staff, editors, and contributing researchers, the Federal Narcotics Prosecutions Handbook for 2004 has been updated and is now available. The 2004 edition has new case law, statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies to assist in federal narcotics prosecutions. Subjects added include destruction of evidence, diversion and analogue cases, Apprendi issues, and extraterritorial application of the 4th, 5th, and 6th amendments.

The 2004 handbook is available online at:

<http://10.173.2.12/usao/eousa/ole/usabook/drug/>.

Deer Creek Invitation

From: Gregory G. Lockhart



I hope you can join me at our annual LECC meeting at Deer Creek State Park in Mount Sterling on September 21. This will give us a chance to reflect on a busy and challenging year for the law enforcement agencies here in the Southern District. Several high profile cases have placed our district in the forefront of national attention and I will be recognizing the joint collaboration of the agencies who have worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office on these cases for their sincere dedication to justice.

The combined effort of multi local, state, and federal authorities ensured the capture of the I-270 shooter in Columbus. I am honored that Franklin County Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Martin, Major Bob Booker of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and FBI Special Agent Harry Trombitas will be joining us at Deer Creek to elaborate on the massive investigative efforts of all the agencies involved in this case. I am sure there is a wealth of information to be learned and shared from this experience that we have all endured together. I am confident that their presentation will reiterate that our combined forces helped us prevail in this investigation.

The Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council will also be instructing several classes on the ongoing anti-terrorism issues facing our nation. As most of you know, within the last year our district has been involved in two high profile terrorism cases that have proven no area of the country is immune from this threat.

And last, but not least, one of my own Assistant U.S. Attorney's, David M. DeVillers, had the privilege of serving as special counsel for the Department of Justice on an assignment in Iraq this Spring. He will be sure to entertain us with his stories and photos from his time there. In keeping with recent tradition, I will once again be presenting "Challenge Coins" to selected agencies and individuals for recognition of their work in our district.

See you on September 21st!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory G. Lockhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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